

building, and Papa moved Grandpa Ballard, Aunt Mary and Aunt Addie into the house with us. Grandpa had had a stroke (I don't remember when) and was bedridden. Aunt Mary waited on him until he died that year.

Living near the river was a new experience for us, although like other people, we had been there to fish and picnic. When the wind was from a certain direction we could hear from the house the roar of the water pouring over some of the rock that formed a sort of waterfall, especially in times of high water in the river. There was a large area of almost flat rock (granite, I suppose) where the water flowed over the rock, some places dry, some places with fast flow, some places with a broad shallow stream, maybe an inch or less deep. It was a good place to play in the water. We became acquainted with some people who had lived on the Pike County side of the river all their lives. They taught us how to build and use a rowboat, which we enjoyed that year.

After that year at Flat Shoals, we moved to a rented place outside Concord, on the Hollonville Road.

In 1939, Papa bought the Crawford Place on Highway 18 a mile or so east of Concord (on the sharp curve). It was an old house and I think about 50 acres of land. Papa got into growing Scuppernong (grape) vines for selling the fruit and the plants, eventually growing them on about 23 acres. He enjoyed cooperating with the Georgia Experiment Station in Griffin, in growing and testing new varieties.

Papa and Mama lived ^{THERE} until Mama died in 1965, and Papa lived there alone until going to the nursing home in 1981, where he died on Easter Sunday, 1982.

It was not until Papa spent most of February 1981 with Lily and me (just before he went to the nursing home) that I learned how he and Mama met.

He and a friend were operating a pea thrasher (same as thresher) for someone, going from farm to farm to thrash peas for people who needed that service. One stop they made was at Grandpa Ballard, Aunt Mary, Aunt Addie and "Bessie's" house. Papa asked if he could come back Sunday and take Bessie to church, which he did, and that grew into "Charlie" and "Bessie" getting married.

The house that Grandpa Ballard and the aunts lived in is no longer there, but it was just south (toward Concord) of the Harvey Hale house, which is across Reidsboro Road from the intersection of what is now Drew Allen Road. With this information I realized how Mama came to be such good friends with Beulah (Mrs. Walter) Park, who lived in the first house on Drew Allen Road.

I overdid this request, but you don't have to keep any of it that you don't want. Because of being there, I probably enjoyed the memories more than you will.

Fred